

FEB 1952 51-AAA

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

25X1

25X1

25X1

INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO.

CD NO.

COUNTRY East Germany

DATE DISTR. 21 November 1952

SUBJECT Deutsche Handel GmbH

NO. OF PAGES 2

DATE OF INFO.

25X1

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)PLACE
ACQUIRED

NOT CIRCULATE

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

25X1

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1

1. The Deutsche Handel GmbH was founded in the Russian Sector of Berlin early in July 1952. This company has its headquarters on the fourth floor¹ of the Deutsche Warenvertriebsgesellschaft, Berlin W8, Leipzigerstrasse, corner of Friedrichstrasse. Die Gesellschaft Deutscher Handel is a member of the Deutsche Warenvertriebsgesellschaft, and all of its business transactions must bear the signature of the director of the Deutsche Warenvertriebsgesellschaft, Richter.
2. Otto Kranz and Willi Klink were put in charge of the new company. The enterprise employs a total of only twenty-four employees who are all members of the SED and who have high functions within the Party.
3. The company is to be the successor of Meletex and first of all is to wind up that part of the unofficial transactions which, because of its great volume and special meaning, requires the greatest attention and secrecy. Also, a part of the intelligence activity in the Federal Republic is to be steered (channeled) through the Deutsche Handel GmbH.
4. Willi Klink, who was formerly the secretary of Franz Dahlem, member of the Zentral-Komitee of the SED, has been busy for months getting together a group of persons to be given special assignments within the Federal Republic. Klink also played an important role in the selection of those West German participants in the Moscow World Economic Conference.
5. Former Bavarian Councillor Dr. Weber, Nürnberg-Fürth, Maxstrasse 48,² is to act as the liaison man of the new company in southern Germany. Weber was a member of the Wirtschaftsamt (Economic Office) in Fürth and was later transferred to Regensburg. Approximately three weeks ago, Weber, on Klink's instruction, received 5000 westmarks from the Deutsche Handel GmbH. Weber also participated in the

25X1

CLASSIFICATION SECRET

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NSRB		DISTRIBUTION	ORR	Ev				
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FBI		OIT	Ev	Treas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

25X1

SECRET

- 2 -

25X1

the Economic Conference in Moscow. Weber was in East Berlin two weeks before the opening of the Conference. Weber met Klink frequently during this stay in Berlin.

25X1

1. [REDACTED]

25X1

2. [REDACTED] Comment. Dr. Karl Weber's address is given [REDACTED] as 25X1
Maxstrasse 42.

25X1

SECRET